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### **Taking teaching global Notre Dame expands international placements for Education**

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proudly leading the way in international opportunities for future teachers, providing a first-in-Australia program to undertake practical teaching placements in Europe for our Bachelor of Primary and Secondary Education students.

This program began in 2024 with ten students completing education placement in schools across Darlington, England. In 2026, a record 75 Notre Dame students will complete school-based placements and professional development with the support of international partners. Placements will be based across seven locations in England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and France.

Led by Professor Sally Egan, Senior Director, Strategic Academic Development, in collaboration with the School of Education, the program has delivered transformative

outcomes. Professor Egan said students report significant professional and personal growth through the international experience.

"Our partnerships with schools and universities ensures comprehensive support, guidance and ongoing learning, enabling students to be challenged, stretched and fully immersed in a dynamic global context,"

The teaching experience counts towards students' accreditation in Australia and supports Notre Dame's commitment to developing global teachers and leaders by immersing students in new approaches to learning and teaching. It also strengthens their commitment to driving social change through quality education.

National Head of the School of Education, Professor Jessica Mantei, says the significant growth in participation in these placements reflects both Notre Dame's commitment to fostering a truly global outlook and the drive of our students to expand their professional careers.

"It is no small undertaking; students take on significant responsibility not only preparing and completing placement, but also in their ongoing advocacy for globalised education more broadly on their return,"

This program is just one part of Notre Dame's local, national and international placement program that focuses on global learning in action.

For more information, visit the [School of Education webpage here](#).

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